



## HOMWORK CLUB APRIL 2014

The Homework Club continues to be very popular. It's been a good term, this session has seen many new faces to the homework club, and the return of many familiar faces. This session we have been battling with the varying levels of children that attend each group, and how a Monday night can have up to 20 children, and Wednesday can have 5 children, trying to find a balance between how many children come to certain nights has been very difficult, but is something that we continue to work on to ensure that each child gets the full benefit of attending homework club.

We are seeing many new members, not only joining the homework club and sticking with it but also joining the youth clubs. It means we are getting to see them regularly as are the other young people and they form good friendships very quickly.

One of the best things about the homework club this term has been seeing older members of the group progress and bring in homework that is for more advanced subjects, such as science or modern languages. It is a challenge for them, and for the youth workers helping them, but is much more engaging than the usual English

and Maths that they have been used to for a couple of years.

Over this session, we have had two new volunteers join the youth group, both volunteers have settled in really well to the youth team, and seem to be very confident when they are with the children, and the children have responded really positively to them also.

One of the volunteers is on our Stewarding team, he is 14 and volunteers every week on the Skatepark but his presence in the homework club hopefully serves as evidence for the young people that if they work hard and continue to come to the club they could one day be in his shoes. He has been eager to help whenever he has volunteered in the club and has been an asset to us.

I think that the homework club continues to achieve its aims and outcomes, of providing the children with an informal and relaxed atmosphere that they can do their homework, and receive the support and encouragement that can really help them to realise how much potential they have as individuals. The homework club is constantly growing, and the new

children that join the group really help to keep it constantly evolving and a really great place to be. However, I think that the real benefit of the homework club is getting to see how the children develop and grow over time, and for the children who will soon be attending high school, it's great to see how far they have really come

